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MEMORANDUM

To: Local Health Directors
Local Nursing Directors
Speech Language Therapists
Audiologist
Health Care Providers
Physical Therapists
CDSAs

From: Carol Tant, Branch Head
Children and Youth Branch

Re: Children's Special Health Services Purchase of Medical Care

As many of you were previously notified, all services under Children's Special Health Services (CSHS) Purchase of Medical Care (POMC) were transferred to the Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) on or before July 1, 2008, with the exception of ramps, tie downs, car seats, vests, and most over-the-counter medications which are not paid for by Medicaid.

The CSHS POMC program faced budget reductions this year and as of September 1, 2008 funding will no longer be available to pay for the few areas DMA does not cover (ramps, tie downs, car seats, vests, and most over-the-counter medications). **No new requests will be reviewed or authorized past August 31, 2008, including any retroactive authorization for services rendered.** We are pleased that the majority of services, with the exception the five items listed above, will now be reviewed and considered for payment by DMA under the EPSDT program.

In addition, as of July 1, 2008, DMA expanded service review to include augmentative communication devices and cochlear implant replacement parts and repair.

All claims for items that have been previously authorized by the CSHS Program will be honored for the authorized time period.

Thank you for your assistance with this transition. We have enjoyed working with you over the past years to provide these services to children. Please direct your questions about coverage to DMA at 919-855-4310. If there are any further questions, please contact the Children with Special Health Care Needs Help Line at 1-800-737-3028.

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